

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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AVAILABILITY OF WATER

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the per capita availability of water in the country, as on date;
- (b) whether any steps have been taken by the Government to raise the percentage of availability of water;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the extent of success achieved therefrom?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF.SAIF- UD- DIN SOZ)

- (a) The average annual precipitation is estimated as 4000 Billion Cubic Metre

(BCM) in the country. After accounting for the natural process of evaporation etc., the average annual water availability in the country is assessed as 1869 BCM. Based on the population of 1027 million as per the 2001 census, the per capita availability works out to be 1820 cubic metre per year.

- (b) The average annual water availability may be considered to remain unchanged.

- (c) & (d) Do not arise.